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ILLCREST CHAR-ER MEMBERS

At a very notable service held at First Christian Church of Concord, new Hillcrest Church of the Pleas- Hill area came into being as a owship. Exactly 100 people ac- ted the covenant of the church and e received into charter member- . Seventeen were by confession faith, 12 by reaffirmation, 66 by er, and 5 as associate members. ere were ten additional persons had been enlisted but could not present, and small wonder, for the vens opened up and the floods de- nded in the form of rain. Rev. lliam E. McCormack, of the First ngregational Church, San Francisco, ached the sermon. Rev. Sidney Buckham brought greetings from Conference. Rev. Donald Gay- d, of Martinez, read the scripture. perintendent Harley H. Gill and . Robert Carlson extended the nt hand of fellowship. It was a lling sight when this great class, ch almost filled the building, mov- forward, leaving only a few scat- d friends in the pews.

On January 23, 112 persons were sent at a family night potluck per. On February 1, a new set by-laws was adopted, and officers e elected. A call has gone out n the Upper Bay Association to et in the First Congregational urch of Martinez on Sunday after- on and evening, February 25, when church will be examined and, it expected, will be received into fel- ship. The women's group is flour- ng, 35 being present at the last eting. Membership classes are be- held, and it is entirely possible the figure will reach 120 by ter.

Ground has been broken and some ndations poured to get a start for first unit of the new building, and ns are being pushed for approval the Building Society in New York.

The area continues to grow at an azing rate. Surveys indicate that 1955 there will be 1,945 high ool young people. By October of year, it is expected that there will 606 seventh and eighth grade stu- ts and a total of 3,000 in all des. The cost of projected schools the next two years is estimated at 726,000. A unique thing about church is the large percentage of mbers that were Congregational- —34. The next largest number n a single denomination is 13. identally, three Roman Catholics e in the first year's class. It should remembered that only eight months have elapsed with the beginning work until the church is received a full member in our fellowship.

ALENDAR OF EVENTS

ruary 19—Inauguration of Presi- lent of Pacific School of Religion.
ruary 20-21-22—Pastoral Confer- nce at Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley.
ruary 23—Bay Association annual neeting, Park - Presidio United Church, San Francisco.
rch 25—Easter.
y 18-20—Annual Conference, Pil- grim Church, Fresno.

1950 RECORD OF GIVING

A summary of the giving by our churches appears somewhat as follows. It must be remembered that these figures are subject to correction, but they give in general a picture of what our people have done in the year 1950 through the regular agencies of our fellowship. According to reports of the Missions Council at the Grand Rapids meeting, the total gain for the country as a whole including direct gifts was 1.7% over 1949. The corresponding figure of gain in our Conference was 7.1%.

THROUGH THE CONFERENCE OFFICE

Conference State Home Missions and Ministerial Relief.....$41,788.59
(a gain of $95.35)
Board of Home Missions and Council for Social Action..... 22,982.04
(a gain of $5,585.24)
American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions..... 21,087.15
(a gain of $5,022.07)
Relief and Reconstruction 8,085.31
(a loss of $6,843.99; this is accounted for in part by adjustment of percentages as between the Boards)
Total apportionment giving coming through Conference office.....$93,943.90
(a gain of $3,858.67)

Preliminary reports from national treasurers indicate a minimum of $8,604 sent by our churches and church people directly to offices of the Boards.

Our German churches have raised for apportionment purposes $2,104.28 and for other benevolences $4,304.

Gifts to the Christmas Fund for Ministerial Relief credited to Northern California amount to $1,925.

The Sierra Arden Flood Relief fund now stands at $2,765.80.

The total of the above items is $109,342.

No attempt to segregate the amount given in 1950 to the Centennial Fund from the total for the three years has been made. A number of our churches have contributed to the Japan International Christian University directly. The cash portion of their gifts which reached headquarters in time is included in the $8,604 sent directly to the Boards.

A LENTEN MEDITATION

Well, I see where President Truman has called his fellow countrymen to do a very dangerous thing—to pray. Of course the uncertainty of this new year would seem to warrant some such reference to some such reality for some such divine guidance if, of course, there be some such. A year or so ago a poll was taken of American people to find out what percentage believed in God. The results: 94 and some decimal per cent replied that they did. Now that would seem most comforting to anyone concerned about religion in America—except a minister. The minister understands what Luther meant when he said "to have a God is to worship Him." To believe that God exists means nothing at all. To believe that God is concerned about us and will aid human endeavor—that means everything. But that depends on a relationship of man to God. That relationship is worship. The heart of worship is prayer. But to pray is to run a grave risk! It is even more dangerous than fooling around with an atomic bomb! For if real prayer really works, it means contact with the very basic stuff of the universe—the will of an Almighty and Eternal God.

Half Past Nineteen Hundred

That's what time it is. Older people can remember: the rest of us can read of how the 20th century was greeted with such brave optimism. This was to have been the great century of man; education and science, hand in hand, were to have led us to the promised land. Instead, we are where we are—on the brink of disaster. "Glory to man in the highest, he is the ruler of things." Of course, Swinburne sang that some years ago. Today we have the gloomy and growing conviction that man may be at the end of his tether. But there is this to be said for our locale: man has arrived at the place where he can once more learn to pray.

I Don't Know How!

That, of course, is the tragedy of the hour. We need to pray and don't know how. But here is the formula: rrG x p = ap. The right relationship to God times persistency equals answered prayer. One does have to learn to pray. You just don't start at the drop of a presidential hat. We have the "Lord's Prayer" as the result of His disciples' request: "Lord, teach us how to pray."

The Risk?

Oh yes, the risk. Well, this is it. You see, prayer is not trying to get God to change his mind about things or to alter His will. That is magic, voodooism, the craft of witch doctors. Prayer is a relationship in which we would have God change our minds and alter our wills to the course of His. The primacy of the Master's prayer is "not my will, Thine be done." You see the danger? Translated into 1951 language, it will mean praying not for a victory of any one country over another, but for the victory of the will of God over all. It will mean not just asking God for peace, but praying that we may be instruments of peace. And the danger is, if prayer is answered, that might happen! You might be changed; the course of your life might be altered; you might have to change the whole standard of personal values; you might start seeking the Kingdom of God's will and His righteousness first and put the other things of life second. You might (oh shudder) be even led into the church, Christ's school of prayer.

You do see the risk, don't you? And you will be careful?

—Rev. J. Hood Snavely
from "The Arlington Outlook"

A TIME FOR SHARING

"One Great Time for Sharing" is to be the emphasis of all Protestant churches during Lent. It is hoped that special offerings by most churches may have been made on February 11, but the way is open for the use of any other Sunday prior to Easter and for a continued ingathering.

The Conference office is in possession of a filmstrip with records entitled "The Eleventh Hour," which it is glad to lend to churches without cost. Offering envelopes and leaflets may be secured from the office or from the Missions Council, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York 10. It is unfortunate that the expected national radio hookup for February 9 did not reach to some NBC stations in this territory. This appeal should not be a matter of great concern for the need for our offerings is very great and the sources of information are plentiful. Our own Northern California churches will receive credit on apportionment for these offerings, which should be sent through the Conference office.

Honor Dr. Buckham

Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, director of Church Extension of the Conference, has been elected president of the Northern California-Western Nevada Council of Churches for the coming year at the annual meeting of the council on January 26. He was en route to the Midwinter meetings of our fellowship at Grand Rapids, so took office in absentia. He succeeds Bishop Karl Morgan Block.

Dr. Buckham has been very active in the affairs of the council, having served as chairman of the Comity Commission for the past two years. Congregationalists naturally feel very proud of this honor extended to a member of our Conference staff.

Preaching Mission

The Committee on Evangelism is making available to all churches who seek inspiration, fellowship, and leadership training, teams made up of preachers, teachers, and lay leaders. If a church desires a one- or two-day mission, the committee will offer help in visitation evangelism, techniques in teaching and churchmanship, and the inspiration of the pulpit message. Churches desiring to arrange for a mission should write the Conference office or the chairman of the committee, Rev. Philip G. Murray, Plymouth Church, 3805 Piedmont Avenue, Oakland 11, California.

BAY ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Bay Assoication will be held at the Park Presidio United Church, Geary Boulevard at Seventh Ave., San Francisco, Friday, February 23. The meeting will open at four o'clock with a worship service led by Rev. Karl Olson. Besides general business, there will be an open forum with missionaries recently returned from the Orient. Turkey dinner will be served at 6:30 for $1.10. Reservations should be sent to the church by Wednesday, the 21st. The main address for the evening will be given by Dr. Herman Reissig, of the Council for Social Action.

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THE RECORD

In the two columns below, churches may check their giving in 1950 with that of 1949. Again our Conference made a gain, which was encouraging but not outstanding and is still a long ways below the goal of $120,000 which was assigned to and undertaken by us as a part of Our Christian World Mission. Gifts for Relief and Reconstruction including the One Great Hour of Sharing are within these figures. Our readers will remember that these are monies that went through the Conference office and do not include those sent directly to the American Board. Most of our churches have accepted larger goals for 1951. Can we not make a very long step forward in this year which has just begun?

	App't 1949	App't 1950
Alameda	$1,402.84	$1,243.65
Alturas	230.97	248.81
Angels Camp	519.28	368.41
Antioch	220.50	636.94
Auburn	317.16	150.00
Benicia	15.50	50.00
Berkeley, Arlington	595.08	793.43
Chinese	60.00	60.07
First	10,702.67	12,357.06
North	1,609.73	1,692.30
Northbrae	276.17	400.00
South	876.46	773.62
Biola*	47.68	46.08
Campbell	919.26	1,181.16
Cedarville	109.93	53.10
Cloverdale	124.55	106.36
Cotati	64.50	93.16
Crockett	147.77	159.47
Dinuba*	2.00	1.00
Eagleville	7.36	25.00
Elk Grove	33.64	189.43
Etna	65.80	63.20
Eureka	1,326.47	1,386.95
Fairfax	275.00	340.80
Ferndale	449.91	531.78
Fowler	200.00	75.00
Fresno, First	3,245.15	3,268.09
Free Cross*	434.49	521.89
Japanese	85.00	81.25
Pilgrim Armenian	1,000.00	1,000.00
Zion*	66.08	78.00
Glen Ellen	34.23	163.50
Guerneville	318.16	396.04
Hayward	1,773.90	2,500.00
Kenwood	106.73	70.77
Likely	7.13	——
Lodi, Ebenezer*	368.74	166.76
First	4,049.59	3,499.29
Loleta	41.49	24.82
Loomis	100.00	200.00
Martinez	1,988.02	2,409.89
Modesto	70.18	136.00
Murphys	——	75.00
Niles	123.50	24.30
Oakland, Beth. Arm.	131.57	60.00
First	6,059.54	5,508.22
Fruitvale	217.41	84.00
Japanese	60.00	60.00
New Pilgrim	128.60	546.52
Plymouth	2,932.57	2,006.65
Orinda	1,805.58	1,558.52
Oroville	922.72	1,000.00
Pacific Grove	143.36	75.84
Palo Alto	4,223.00	4,228.00
Paradise	691.50	785.60
Parlier	10.00	35.00
Penngrove	122.55	175.26
Pescadero	23.86	26.45
Petaluma	1,928.25	1,579.15
Pittsburg	385.77	501.20
Port Chicago	61.10	35.00
Porterville	2,804.00	2,800.00
Redwood City	1,898.08	2,183.79
Reedley, Finnish	21.28	20.00
Rio Vista	185.00	50.00
Ripon	435.24	518.62
Sacramento, First	3,002.00	3,021.25
Sierra Arden	311.33	237.25
Salida	92.94	61.69
San Carlos	1,140.00	1,255.00
San Francisco—		
Beth. Mission Park	256.20	265.15
Calvary Armenian	30.00	——
Chinese	50.00	76.50
First	2,826.43	2,901.13
Ocean View	200.00	200.00
Park Presidio	716.91	1,023.65
St. John's	——	19.02
Sanger*	245.57	54.36
San Jose	1,821.89	2,060.00
San Leandro	421.81	284.23
San Lorenzo	65.75	17.69
San Mateo	4,116.00	5,000.00
San Rafael	54.70	182.15
Santa Cruz	1,652.49	1,309.41
Santa Rosa	400.00	583.23
Saratoga	851.64	952.97
Sebastopol	472.99	506.83
Sonoma	117.18	190.67
Soquel	190.71	221.61
Stockton	2,272.81	1,920.42
Suisun	132.50	140.00
Sunnyvale	268.78	130.85
Sunol	38.52	195.29
Tulare	1,950.00	1,559.00
Weaverville	110.00	200.00
Woodside	29.00	179.05
Reno, Nev.	863.85	892.51
Miscellaneous, including Thank Offering and individual gifts	5,778.92	6,821.98
TOTALS	$90,084.42	$93,943.09

The "Miscellaneous" item, it will be noted, includes the Women's Thank Offering which is reported in another column, and also the Pilgrim Fellowship contributions, amounting to $2,469.52, which will be credited to the local churches in the Year Book.

The figures set forth above opposite the names of our German churches do not include the bulk of their missionary money which goes through the national German treasury and which appears in the following list:

	1949	1950
*Biola	$ 226.59	$ 351.12
*Dinuba	84.00	83.00
*Fresno, Free Cross	1,189.45	1,333.59
*Fresno, Zion	385.88	406.00
*Lodi, Ebenezer	638.93	508.08
*Sanger	401.44	216.23

There were in addition $74.35 in miscellaneous offerings. These were all for regular Congregational apportionment purposes. In addition, the churches gave a total of $4,304 for projects of their own Conference.

*These figures also include the item sent through the Northen California Conference appearing in the main list above.

DR. REISSIG OF C.S.A., A VISITOR

We are having the great pleasure of having Dr. Herman F. Reissig, executive secretary of the International Relations Section, Council for Social Action, in this area during the month of February. He is participating in the Pastoral Conference held February 19 through 23. During this period, he is to appear before several groups including a meeting of the committee. Two of the associations are availing themselves of the opportunity to hear him in group meetings. On February 23, he is speaking at the Bay Association meeting at the San Francisco Park-Presidio Church. On February 25, he is meeting with the San Joaquin Association in Tulare following a sermon at the Porterville Church in the morning. In addition to these public meetings, he is to meet representatives of Social Action Committee groups in the Bay Association and will appear before the Wednesday night meeting of First Church, San Francisco, on February 21. We hope that this opportunity will be of great benefit to all in the Conference.

LAYMEN'S SCHOOLS

Plans have been made for four Schools of Churchmanship to be held on the first four Sundays of April. There will be one in each of four centers under the general direction of Mr. Herbert W. Hilker, chairman of the Laymen's Fellowship, and Church Extension Director, Rev. Sidney H. Buckham. Details will appear in the March issue of the Pacific.

A GOOD JOB DONE

Around the first of January, a large boatload of Displaced Persons (white Russians) from Samar close to the Philippines arrived in the Bay Area. This was a second boatload to be brought to this area by the International Relief Organization. As was reported at the time, this shipment was the largest group of refugees to arrive in San Francisco on record. As a result, the Conference Social Action Committee was authorized to act as agent for the Congregational Christian Service Committee in handling certain cases which had been assigned to our denomination for resettlement. The local committee had the responsibility of resettling these Delayed Pilgrims in any part of the Pacific Coast.

A circular letter was sent out requesting members of the churches in the Conference to respond to this need and indicate whether they would be interested in assisting this program through sponsorship. The response was very gratifying. In the first boatload which arrived in December, we had one family unit which was located immediately in Martinez. In the January boatload, we had approximately six family units and to date have placed five of them in our Conference. The last one should be permanently located within a short time.

In addition to this direct assignment, the Conference committee, in conjunction with the Tolstoy Foundation, was able to resettle two couples and six single men in the parish of Rev. Hendrik Martynse at Loomis, California. Those churches who have responded effectively to this program have been Los Altos, San Carlos, Oakland New Pilgrim, Martinez, San Francisco First, and Berkeley First.

In order to assist in the resettlement of these new people, it was necessary for us to establish a reception center to care for some of them for a limited time. First Church Berkeley assisted in this matter by making available to the Conference committee two double rooms in the Alexander Hotel in Berkeley for use as a temporary haven of refuge. This hotel is owned and operated by a member of this congregation.

An additional boatload may arrive in this area sometime in March. It is expected that there will be more persons in this group that have been assigned directly to our care. It is the Conference committee's responsibility to proceed with this group in the same manner as those mentioned above. Any members who have opportunities for housing and employment or for an "assurance" should advise Rev. Richard C. Norberg, Eden Congregational Church, Birch and Bridge Streets, Hayward, California, chairman of the Displaced Persons Committee, so that the resettlement of these people will be expedited upon arrival.

PORTERVILLE — Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith, pastor, reports that the number of communicants has made necessary the securing of additional communion service items. Rev. Luther H. Vogel, principal of a local school, is to be a part-time assistant to the pastor. Attendance at the church school has passed the 200 mark with 60 others on the cradle roll.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH — The year 1950 was finished with all bills paid and a balance in the treasury. Attendance for the year averaged above 230 per Sunday. A commission is currently studying the church's problems with a view to establishing a long-term program. Rev. Philip Murray is pastor.

SECRETARY W. W MEYER HONORED

Rev. William W. Meyer, direct of Christian Education of our Co ference, was honored at the Midwi ter Conference of the Pilgrim Fello ship, receiving a token from the you people of their appreciation for h leadership.

At a joint session of the state co ference superintendents and state c rectors of Christian Education held the Midwinter meetings, he presente an outstanding paper on recruiting f Christian life service which provoke discussion and drew many enthusiast comments from those who heard hi He served as chairman of the Progra Committee for the Interdenominatio al Cavalcade of Christian Educatio held in Oakland at the time of th annual meeting of the Northern Ca fornia-Western Nevada Council Churches.

DANIEL PAUL SHERMAN

Daniel Paul Sherman is the fir baby in the home of Mr. and Mr Peter R. Sherman and the first grand child of Dr. and Mrs. Paul Davies Oregon. Daniel Paul arrived on Ja uary 9, bringing with him the sub stantial weight of 7 pounds and ounces. His daddy is a student Pacific School of Religion and is past of our church at Pescadero.

MARTHA FRANCES DIMOCK

Two boys and now a girl make u the family of Rev. and Mrs. Herbe Dimock of Antioch. The two littl boys welcomed Martha Frances wh came to live with them on January 2 1951. She weighed a mite over si pounds. Her mother is doing splen didly, and from all accounts the fathe will probably survive.

HAYWARD — Church attendanc for the year averaged more than 60 The gain in membership in 1950 wa 105, the total being 611. $26,00 came through the hands of the finan cial secretary. The church school ha 384 active pupils. A strong progra of adult education is a feature o the life of this church. Rev. Richar C. Norberg and Mr. Verne A. Rob inson are ministers.

SACRAMENTO, SIERRA AR DEN—Plans for completing and dec orating the interior of the sanctuar and for the erection of the next uni of the building have been complete by the architect and have gone t New York for approval. The con dition of the parsonage has been such that no repairs could yet be made The Chesters are still living unde very trying circumstances.

SAN MATEO — Rev. Benton S Gaskell, pastor, as the chairman o our Conference OCWM and membe of the national Executive Committee of the State Chairmen, attended the meetings at Grand Rapids. The build ing campaign which recently closed had 150 people volunteering service 500 persons pledging, and total re sources gathered of $80,000.

SUISUN—Rev. Gerald A. Larue is finding enthusiastic cooperation in the town and the church. A group of young people is being gathered to be trained in leadership. Parish visiting will be undertaken by a group of women.

SAN LEANDRO—The new build ing is nearing completion. Nineteen new members were received in Janu ary. Rev. J. H. McCartney, the pastor, has invited people to meet with him weekly for the study of the Bible.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

REDWOOD CITY—In 1950 this hurch received 59 members, bring-ng the total up to 517. The con-lition of the treasury was excellent, nd gifts for benevolences passed the 32,000 mark. Rev. Gale Engle, the minister, has passed his Ph. D. oral examinations at Stanford University. His sermons for Sunday mornings during Lent will be based on the Lord's Prayer. On Wednesday eve-nings, he will follow a series of studies on the inner life: "The 139th Psalm"; "The Confessions," St. Au-gustine; "Selected Letters," Fr. Von Hugel; "The Journal," John Wool-man; "Introduction to the Devout Life," Francis de Sales; and "On Be-ginning From Within," Douglas Steere. The church is giving contin-ued study to the securing of a site in a very rapidly growing new area.

OAKLAND, NEW PILGRIM — Two members were received in Janu-ary, bringing the total to 162. A Displaced Person has been received and placed. New metal chairs are being secured. Rev. George W. Lindsay, the pastor, is an adviser for Boy Scouts of America, chairman of the Department of Christian Educa-tion of the Oakland Council of Churches, adviser for the State Pil-grim Fellowship, and engaged in other community and denominational enter-prises.

FRESNO ,FIRST—There are now 675 families in the parish. Average church attendance for every Sunday of the year was more than 400. There were 219 new members in 1950. A new parsonage was purchased for $21,375. Over $28,000 was con-tributed for local expenses, about $5,000 for various benevolences, and $40,000 thus far for the building fund. Rev. John H. Gregg carries a heavy load of speaking and parish work be-sides preaching twice each Sunday morning.

FERNDALE—Work has been start-ed on the old Congregational Church building by clearing out seats and partitions so that he revamped struc-ture may soon begin. Volunteer work will be used, and a quiet campaign is under way for funds. An increased budget has been proposed for the coming year. There was a substantial balance in the treasury last December 31. Rev. Robert W. Lewis is the minister.

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON—The annual meeting brought forth many encouraging reports. Eighty-six new members were reecived during the year. The average attendance at wor-ship was about 200 each Sunday. Pledges to the church were increased from $5,500 to $13,000. An organ had been purchased and paid for dur-ing the year. Rev. J. Hood Snavely is pastor.

CAMPBELL — During 1950 more than $9,000 was raised for current expenses and a very considerable amount for the new unit of the build-ing. The church also has money on hand for some future development. The 54 new members brought the total to 300. The average church attendance increased by 18 per Sun-day. Rev. Corwin H. Olds is pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, CHINESE—Miss Pauline Louie is superintendent of the Sunday School and adviser for the Pilgrim Fellowship. These and other church activities are carried on the side for she is one of the valued secretaries of our Conference office. Rev. B. Y. Leong is pastor.

BERKELEY, FIRST — Rev. David L. Evans, associate minister, has ac-cepted a call to the First Congrega-tional Church of Longmont, Colo-rado, and will take up his new duties there on March 1. Mr. Evans takes with him the affectionate regard of this great church. A very full pro-gram for the observance of Lent has been set up. In addition to sermons by Rev. Vere Loper, the pastor, there are Sunday evening radio services by the ministers of different Protestant churches in Berkeley, Bible studies each Sunday morning at ten with Mr. Evans leading on three Sundays the studies of Peter and Rev. Gail Cle-land for three Sundays on St. Paul. The Easter offering will be toward clearing up the building fund debt. On Sunday, February 4, 22 members were received into fellowship.

SAN FRANCISCO, ST. JOHN'S —The new building is being enclosed and roofed. Rough plumbing is in. It is hoped that construction will be finished by Easter. Chairs have been purchased. The property will be held in the name of St. John's Federated Church, with eight trustees, four from each denomination. Chancel furni-ture and altar fixtures are now pledged and the women of the church will install the organ. Services of worship continue to be held in the home of the minister, Rev. Horst R. Jeschke.

STOCKTON—At the annual meet-ing, Mr. Earnest D. Lidell was called to be associate minister and director of Christian Education for full-time ser-vice beginning July 1, immediately following his graduation from Pacific School of Religion. The reports at the annual meeting showed financial receipts larger than ever and healthy vitality in all organizations. Rev. Malcolm White, recently returned from China, was preacher on February 4. Rev. Noel J. Breed is pastor.

SARATOGA — Twenty-six new members were received on Roll Call Sunday, bringing the total to 440. Average attendance for the year in-creased 25% over that of 1949. Near-ly 500 children and young people in addition to many adults make use of the church plant. The church school and worship services are held simul-taneously. Rev. Gordon L. King is pastor.

OROVILLE—Including reports for the annual meeting, the church printed a rather complete directory. Fifty-two members had been received during the year 1950. A parsonage had been purchased. The financial situation of the church was excellent. Rev. Byron Eshelman ,the pastor, set forth eight objectives for the year 1951 which should have the effect of lifting the whole spiritual life of the church.

BERKELEY, CHINESE — A new Pilgrim Fellowship group has been organized with a membership of 30 and is making steady progress. About 300 pounds of used clothes and shoes have been collected. Rev. William W. Meyer preached the Christmas sermon and administered baptism. Four people were received into church membership. Dr. Hoh Yam Tong is pastor.

BERKELEY, NORTH—Reports at the annual meeting indicate a year of splendid progress under the leadership of Rev. Williston Wirt, the pastor. The young people of the church re-cently entertained 30 young people from the Berkeley Chinese Church in a social evening.

CEDARVILLE - EAGLEVILLE—During January, Rev. Robert M. Ken-nan, chairman of the Conference Committee on Church Development, and Superintendent Harley H. Gill spent two days in this area. Rev. Charles A. McCalmon, a minister of the Disciples Church, was called as pastor in this yoked field. In the two months which he had spent in the field, he had made calls in almost every home. Two choirs are under way at Cedarville. A rather thorough-going pruning of the roll and re-organization of the church have been made. At Eagleville ranchers are be-ing asked to contribute beef cattle which will be sold in order to under-write the budget.

MARTINEZ — Average church at-tendance for 1950 exceeded that of 1949 by ten. During the year several rooms were painted and redecorated. A splendid Displaced couple was re-ceived and provided for. The mem-bership of the church has increased by 48, making a total of 481. The budget is the highest and the condition of the treasury the best in the history of the church. A questionnaire was in-cluded by Rev. Donald F. Gaylord in the very attractive sheaf of reports in which people were given the oppor-tunity to evaluate the program and to make suggestions for improvements.

SAN LORENZO — Arrangements have been completed for a student "internship" at the church. Two stu-dents are now at work. There are two children's choirs. Rev. and Mrs. Mal-colm White, recently returned from China, have spoken on two or three occasions to the church or groups of the same. Mr. White is the brother of the wife of the minister, Rev. Homer A. Schwarz. Craft classes for half-day session students of the public school are being offered by the church.

PETALUMA — The pews which have so long been needed and were ordered many months ago are being assembled and installed. This necessi-tates certain repairs in the floor. The pews were dedicated on February 18, Superintendent Harley H. Gill preach-ing the sermon. The church contrib-uted a total of $7,600 for current ex-penses and $2,059 for various benev-olences. Rev. Herbert C. Gans is pastor.

FRESNO, JAPANESE — The church has bought for the use of the minister a brand-new Chevrolet car. Asphalt tile floors are being laid in the Sunday School, the kitchen, and the dressing room. Seven new mem-bers were received on January 7. It is the custom of this church to give donations at Christmas and the end of the year. The former brought in $372 and the latter $1,434. Rev. Norio Ozaki is pastor.

ORINDA — Construction is going forward on the new units of the church plant. The Building Society has agreed to lend financial assistance. This church which a few years ago was just a Sunday School with a very limited staff now has a budget of $13,500 with resources warranting numerous and expensive property im-provements. Rev. Fred R. Morrow is pastor.

SANTA ROSA — Church attend-ance for the year 1950 showed an in-crease of 24% over the previous year, and there is a $1,000 increase in local pledges over that of a year ago. Rev. William E. Welch, the pastor, and his wife took half of their annual vaca-tion the last two weeks of January.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST — Twelve members were received into the church the end of January. At the annual meeting, the treasurer's report showed all bills paid with a substantial balance. The new budget will provide for a full-time assistant minister. A benevolence budget of $4,556 was approved. The church will have a campaign in the fall for $50,000 to help clear off debt and to refurbish the building. Rev. William E. McCormack, the pastor, presided at the meeting of the Board of Home Missions in Grand Rapids January 29-31.

LOOMIS — The total membership of the church as reported at the annual meeting is 141. One of the most encouraging aspects of the church life has been the young people's work with junior high and senior high Pil-grim Fellowships with a total mem-bership of 45. The financial situation is good. Rev. Hendrik Martynse, the pastor, reports that eleven Displaced Persons have been received and settled in the Loomis area through the efforts of the church.

SAN CARLOS—Adjustments were made in the church roll, but even so, there was a net gain of 39 new mem-bers with a total of 531 at the close of 1950. In the course of a year, a total of 900 are registered in the church school, but at any one time, about 700 attend. The increased goal for benevolences has been adopted. Rev. Weldon Batty, the pastor, issued a splendid call for a broad program of church development and growth in his message at the annual meeting.

LODI, FIRST—Four new members were received in January. The annual meeting showed the church to be in a prosperous condition. Fifty mem-bers and friends are meeting each Sunday evening for prayer and read-ing together the book, "What Would Jesus Do?" by Glenn Clark. Rev. A. R. Boone, the pastor, with four delegates, attended the Cavalcade of Religious Education and the annual meeting of the Northern California-Western Nevada Council of Churches.

SANGER — Recently this church has spent over $1,500 in redecorating the interior and providing new altar hangings. The money was largely provided by the women's societies and the Sunday School. The church has voted to have all services in the Eng-lish language. Rev. Edward Hilde-brand, the pastor, was called to a church in Portland, Oregon, but the members of the Sanger Church pre-vailed upon him to remain.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW — Construction on the new building is going forward rapidly. Roof trusses have been put in place. A thousand hours of volunteer labor have been put in and this for the most part by men who are real mechanics. Furnaces and heating pipes have been secured at a very low figure. Many people within a large area are showing an active interest. Rev. Karl Olson is pastor.

WOODSIDE — This church has agreed to accept the goal for benevo-lences. Services are well attended. The congregation is enthusiastic over the leadership of Rev. Charles H. Hudson. Delegates have been attend-ing the PF Conference and the Wom-en's Federation meetings. The church has suffered the loss of one of its most faithful laymen in the death of Mr. F. H. Mighall.

WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Mrs. E. B. Kientz, Correspondent

The next regular meeting of the Federation will be held on March 15, 1951, at First Congregational Church, Oakland, California.

Rain again on January 18, 1951, the day of the regular meeting of the Federation, but it did not keep the women at home nor dampen their spirit. At the noon hour, Mrs. Gail Cleland found that there were 121 present from 38 churches. She called on the association presidents to introduce the women who were there for the first time, and there were quite a number including five from the St. John's Federated Church of San Francisco. These were Mrs. Horst Jeschke, wife of the minister, Mrs. Ames, Mrs. Beck, Mrs. Bieg, and Mrs. Koch. All were given a hearty welcome.

The Woman's Gift

Mrs. Bayard Buckham presided at the regular meeting and at the Executive Board meeting immediately preceding. The Woman's Gift was discussed; and Mrs. J. H. McCartney, Thank Offering Secretary, presented the percentages and projects suggested by the Conference, and the Executive Board voted to accept the regular percentages: 50% to stay in Northern California, 20% for American Board work, 20% for projects of the Home Board, 2% for Council for Social Action, and 8% for Relief and Reconstruction. All of these gifts are within Our Christian World Mission. In the Conference, we will help Ocean View in San Francisco, which is building a new church on a new location; Sierra Arden, which was so hard hit in the recent floods, and the two churches, Cedarville and Eagleville, in the Surprise Valley in Modoc County.

The Thank Offering for 1950 was the largest yet. Six more groups participated than in 1949, and several offerings arrived after the Conference books were closed and will be in the 1951 Thank Offering. A full report will be found in another column.

Program Material?

This oft asked question was answered by the several secretaries who spoke on the Home Theme, "Toward a Christian Community." Mrs. W. F. Pemberton, Literature; Mrs. H. D. Kendall, Young People's; Mrs. James Cooper, Home Field; and Mrs. C. E. Ward, Social Action, reviewed briefly books and pamphlets and named filmstrips available for use of the groups. They were all enthusiastic and interesting, and the following were suggested. If you haven't copies, write to Mrs. W. F. Pemberton, 608 Santa Fe Avenue, Berkeley, or to Mrs. C. E. Ward, 162 Grand Street, Redwood City, for Social Action material.

"Rural Prospect," by Mark Rich, and "So Sure of Life," by Violet Wood, with the "Guide on Toward a Christian Community" for adult groups; "Travelin'," a one-act play by Winifred Baker, on the service of the church to migrants; "Once There Were Two Churches," by Fred D. Wentzel, and its companion piece, "The Church in Your Community," written for young people but of interest to adults as well; and our own Congregational Christian work as found in "From Your Own Church Door," and "Roots and Fruits," the report of the Board of Home Missions for 1950. As a specific example, Mrs. Cooper told the very interesting story of just one of these, our "Brick Rural Life School" in North Carolina.

Filmstrips available from Rev. William Meyer's office at 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley: "Made in the U.S.A.," "This Is Delmo" on the cooperative program in Missouri, and "And Now I See" on stewardship (35 minutes). Two others may be had from the Conference office, 1164 Phelan Building, San Francisco: "The Church Is There" and "Miracle of Warren Walker." "Again Pioneers" may be had from the Methodist Book Concern in San Francisco for a rental fee of $12.

Mrs. Ward suggested a program be devoted to a study of "The Church and Alcoholism," using the December issue of "Christian Community" for material and questions to be discussed.

News From China

Mrs. Malcolm White, who returned from China with her husband and family on January 7, 1951, spoke of their three years in China and of the tactics of the Communists in "liberating" the Chinese people and of the reasons for the withdrawal of the missionaries. She told of the trip home with their four children, the youngest just seven months old when they left Foochow in November. The Rev. Malcolm White was ill and could not be present, but the Whites will be in the Bay Area for several months and are willing to speak in your churches.

The Pri(n)ce of Peace

Mrs. Harry Drobish, Sacramento Association President, led the devotional service, the inspiration for which she received from a study of her Christmas cards. One recurring thought in the cards was about the Prince of Peace. By omitting one letter the "price of peace" came to her mind, and she reminded us that only through the "Prince of Peace" and by following His way of love and unselfishness can we pay the price of peace and live in harmony with all the world.

Spring Rallies

Mrs. J. L. Moulton, who has spent most of the years since 1918 in India, will be the out-of-state speaker to accompany Mrs. Buckham, our president, to the rallies. The schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, February 27—Upper Bay Association, Pittsburg.

Wednesday, February 28—Redwood Empire Association, Penngrove.

Friday, March 2—San Joaquin Association, Tulare.

Tuesday, March 6 — Sacramento Valley Association, Oroville.

Thursday, March 8—Central Association, Lodi First.

Tuesday, March 13—Santa Clara Association, Woodside.

In addition to these dates, Mrs. Moulton will be available for speaking in churches and before church groups. Consult Mrs. Buckham or the Conference office.

THANK OFFERING

Something to be proud of! The all-time record for our Woman's Thank Offering (Plus Gift) was broken in 1950. The figures are set forth below. Several churches did not get their money in until after January 10 so are not included, but make a good start for 1951. These various items are not credited in the apportionment to the local church but are credited to Northern California. Mrs. J. H. McCartney, Thank Offering Secretary, and the whole staff, as well as the rank and file of our women, receive the heartiest salute of our national Boards and the Conference for this gain of more than $300.

	1949	1950
Alameda	$ 101.00	$ 80.00
Alturas	7.82	7.00
Angels Camp	15.00	28.42
Antioch	36.55	51.03
Auburn	17.30	20.60
Benicia	43.13	31.02
Berkeley, Arlington Ave...	29.65	38.17
First	181.45	177.56
North	72.90	66.23
South Community	50.00	72.28
Campbell	50.00	60.52
Cloverdale	24.08	22.80
Cotati	22.25	15.22
Crockett	——	10.00
Eureka	54.65	89.55
Fairfax	——	13.00
Ferndale	10.05	13.20
Fowler	34.30	34.66
Fresno, First	145.50	197.50
Pilgrim Armenian	12.00	16.78
Guerneville	——	46.42
Hayward	25.00	80.00
Lodi, First	122.02	91.30
Loomis	19.80	9.70
Martinez	43.65	56.50
Oakland, Beth. Armen.	5.00	5.00
First	286.71	286.23
Fruitvale	26.95	35.05
Japanese	5.00	5.00
New Pilgrim	24.27	30.58
Plymouth	100.00	195.00
Orinda	111.50	——
Oroville	50.00	50.00
Pacific Grove	75.00	51.00
Palo Alto	155.00	128.90
Paradise	46.88	46.12
Penngrove	8.25	7.55
Petaluma	68.46	61.73
Pittsburg	44.51	53.70
Port Chicago	——	12.74
Porterville	56.50	58.60
Redwood City	145.79	102.00
Rio Vista	60.00	56.00
Ripon	76.52	70.10
Sacramento, Oak Park	39.36	15.00
Pioneer	63.89	164.39
San Carlos	115.23	94.95
Salida	16.47	19.01
San Francisco, Calv. Arm.	25.00	22.75
First	100.00	100.69
Grace United	23.30	21.75
Ocean View	13.33	20.00
Park Presidio	2.50	9.95
San Jose	——	51.37
San Leandro	100.00	111.66
San Lorenzo	21.72	27.39
San Mateo	249.00	217.75
Santa Cruz	109.00	76.93
Santa Rosa	7.00	7.50
Saratoga	106.50	148.87
Sebastopol	15.00	21.55
Sonoma	24.50	20.60
Soquel	——	15.00
Stockton	65.53	66.27
Sunnyvale	29.00	36.85
Tulare	25.00	26.16
Weaverville	51.16	27.00
Woodside	——	64.06
TOTALS	$3,666.93	$3,972.21

COTATI — Congregations have greatly improved. While 8 people were granted letters at the annual meeting, 8 others have taken their places. The financial situation is excellent. Mr. Forrest Miller is being asked to continue as pastor.

MIRA VISTA — In spite of the continued rains, progress is being made on the church building. The campaign for special gifts is going on. Four young people went to the Midwinter PF Conference. Rev. Gifford Webster is pastor.

MISSIONARIES HERE

Several of our good friends wh have been missionaries in China a staying, at least temporarily, in th area: Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. Robi son are with their son, Dr. Harold Robinson, at 60 Bradley Road, Waln Creek.

Rev. and Mrs. Malcolm White a with Mr. White's parents, Dr. an Mrs. Hugh Vernon White. at Crystal Way, Berkeley 8.

Rev. and Mrs. David Stowe a making their home at 150 Ramo Avenue, El Cerrito.

All of these friends will be glad speak in churches and before grou about the situation and their expe ences in China so far as time, strengt and their own schedules will perm Their expenses should, of course, cared for.

PARSONS HALL

From Turkey we learn that a ne building has been erected and occ pied at the School for Girls in Izm in honor of Miss Parsons who serv so long and who is now living in o area. We are glad to hear that s has recovered from her recent illne

SUMMER EXCHANGE

Rev. Joseph S. Loughran, of th First Congregational Church of Woo bury, Connecticut, would like to e change churches and living quarte with a minister in the Bay Area f the months of July and August. H says that Woodbury is a delightf New England village in the heart the Litchfield Hills, an ideal vacati center. Their house is cool and co fortable and only five minutes from lovely lake. Any of our ministe interested will write directly to M Loughran.

KENWOOD-GLEN ELLEN—Bo churches held their annual meetin in January, reaffirming their purpo to continue their present cooperati arrangement and extending it to th educational program. As a result, R land Smith, a student at Pacific Scho of Religion, was called to give h week-ends as director of Christian E ucation. Rev. H. J. Loken is pasto

OAKLAND, FIRST—At the a nual meeting it was reported that 1 new members had been received du ing the year and the average Sunda attendance was 539. Rev. Clarenc Reidenbach began his 18th year pastor.

Rev. Sidney H. Buckham will ed the March issue.

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